

Competition requires viable competitors. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (BOCs), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a BOC and a cable company; where cable is available (it is not available where I live), and where the cable company can, and does, provide dial tone. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be eliminated. The remaining ISPs and CLECs will die. Consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty.

DO NOT DO IT.

Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.